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75th Anniversary Candlelight Dinner

Enclosed with this issue of The Bulletin is your invitation to the 75th Annual Candlelight Dinner which will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 1989 at Tavistock Country Club. Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Harold Haynes who will present his highly acclaimed slide program, "Haddonfield: A Closer Look".

Mr. Haynes has spent a great deal of time roaming Haddonfield, camera in hand, looking at this town we all think we know so well from a different angle. The fun is in seeing just how much we all really do see on an every day basis. Come and see what you may have been missing. This is a program which is lively, informative, challenging and fun!

The 75th Anniversary of the Historical Society is a significant milestone for all of us, so come and reflect on the past of the Society, enjoy the fellowship of the present, and help us begin our look to the future and to another 75 years.

Informal greetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$20.00 per person. Please use the enclosed form or contact Kathy Tassini at 429-2462.

President's Corner

Let me take a moment to tell you how fortunate and pleased I am to be President, in this the Seventy-fifth Year of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. On this Anniversary, we look forward to an exciting year with the many celebrations which are planned.

We have begun the year by being awarded a \$1,000, Block Grant by the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission. These monies are to be used for the research project (75 Years Ago) which the 75th Anniversary Committee is doing for Fall Festival Days 1989.

Our inaugural event for the 75th Anniversary was held on January 15, in conjunction with the Camden County Historical Society. The presentation of early films by Mr. Albert Bruzzese was well attended. In appreciation of his Honorarium, Mr. Bruzzese is donating a copy of the rare film, "The princess and the Man" (1915) by Thomas Edison. A most sincere thank you is extended to Myra Kain for her commitment to this event and to her committee for their on-going work this year.

The Executive Council passed the 1989 Operating Budget on January 30, 1989. I would like to thank Frank Demmerly and the Finance Committee for their time and effort in putting the budget together.

On February 15, I had the honor to accept the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission's Certificate of Award on behalf of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. This certificate was presented on the Commission's Third Annual Recognition Day for contribution in focusing the attention of the Community on its arts and history. The Society is the first organization to be so recognized. A Citation on being honored was received from the New Jersey State Assembly through Assemblyman Thomas J. Shusted and Speaker Pro Tempore John A. Rocco. Freeholder Director Robert E. Andrews sent a congratulatory letter.

Thank you on behalf of the Society for all those who made the Holly Festival successful through untiring work or by attendance.

A thank you to Mrs. Eynon for contributing a needed map filing cabinet to the Library and to the Woman's Committee for the typewriter to the Society. An anonymous donation was made for supplies to be used in library conservation. Thank you, one and all for these necessary contributions.

The next event for the 75th Anniversary is also our Annual Candlelight Dinner. I am looking forward to a record turnout this April 5.

Margie Kanupke

Report from the Woman's Committee

The Woman's Committee is happy to report a successful Holly Festival December 3rd, thanks to all who participated. There were several new crafts people who brought new and interesting items to sell. Dot Sherrerd had a mad scramble to locate enough boxwood for the Williamsburg swags to supplement that from the Society's bushes, which suffered from the drought last summer. The net proceeds from the Festival were \$1,474.55.

Please note on your calendars that the annual Village Fair will be held on June 3rd. Pam Rahn and Pat Lennon have volunteered to co-chair the fair and will welcome any ideas and assistance.

Mary Jane Freedley

Acquisitions Committee

The Society has recently received a gift of several beautiful pieces of South Jersey glass from the Stanger Glassworks. These pieces include a pitcher, six handblown glasses, and two paperweights individually signed Stanger and Friendship. We thank Mrs. Beatrice Henderson Sayer for her generous gift.

Tracy Marchetta
Acquisitions

75th Anniversary Celebration Update

The first of a series of special events planned to commemorate the Society's 75th Anniversary was held on January 15, 1989 at Greenfield Hall. Members and guests were treated to an afternoon showing of vintage silent films from the private collection of Albert Bruzzese of Voorhees. Co-sponsored by the Camden County Historical Society, the film program represented the county society's first outreach program to local organizations. The selection of films shown dated from the era of the founding of the Society, and included such rare classics as "Copper Beeches", the first Sherlock Holmes film (1912), and "The Princess and the Man", the first film by Thomas Edison (1915).

This entertaining afternoon appropriately focused our attention on the 1914 era, for this period is the theme of our anniversary celebration and will be continued as other anniversary activities focus on the Haddonfield community in 1914. An art exhibit has been planned at the Markeim Art Center which will feature local artists of the early twentieth century. This exhibit is in conjunction with the Society's sponsorship of Fall Festival Days in October. Other festival events on October 21, 1989 will highlight the Kings Highway business district circa 1914. This summer the Society plans to be represented in both the Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades.

The highlight of the year will be a special book release-preview party held at Greenfield Hall in September to present the book *Lost Haddonfield*, co-authored by Doug Rauschenberger and Kathy Tassini, which is being published by the Society in honor of its 75th anniversary.

The next event on our anniversary celebration calendar is the Candlelight Dinner. Although an annual event, this year the dinner committee and the anniversary committee have been working together and have planned an extra special evening. We encourage everyone to attend and share in the festivities.

We should all be very proud of what the Society has been able to accomplish over the past 75 years, and as members should make an effort to participate in these anniversary activities, not only to share in the celebration fun, but also to do our part as members to help show the community who we are, what we have accomplished and how we plan to continue the fine tradition begun seventy-five years ago.

The Society needs your participation. If you are interested in becoming involved with any aspect of these special events, or would like more information, please call Myra Kain, co-chairman of the Anniversary Activities Committee at 429-0817 (evenings).

75th Anniversary Candlelight Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the
75th Anniversary Candlelight Dinner
of the Historical Society of Haddonfield

at Tavistock Country Club

Tavistock, New Jersey

on Wednesday, April 5, 1989

Cash Bar at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations \$20.00 per person by March 31st.

Further Information: Kathy Tassini, 429-2462

Please return with your check to:

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75th Anniversary Candlelight Dinner
343 Kings Highway East
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number Attending at \$20.00 each. _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Haddon Fire Company No.1 150th Anniversary

In the October 29, 1914 issue of *The Tribune*, an announcement of the organization of the Historical Society of Haddonfield appears next to the other major story of the day, the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Haddon Fire Co. No. 1. Since we are focusing on the year 1914 in many of our own 75th Anniversary celebrations, we decided to share with you excerpts from the 150th Anniversary Celebration of our own historic fire company.

"Haddon Fire Company No. 1's One Hundred and Fiftieth Celebration a Royal Success" was the headline in *The Tribune*, a weekly newspaper of the day. The story read in part as follows:

"A parade, participated in by 18 visiting companies, marching over a route more than seven miles long was the way Haddon Fire Company No. 1 celebrated its 150th anniversary Saturday afternoon. With the home company, the line was nearly two miles long and the route included the principal streets of the town gaily decked in bunting. Visitors came for miles to see the display and were in nowise disappointed. It was estimated that 10,000 persons viewed the fire-fighters as they marched.

"The day promised fine in the morning, but while the parade was in progress, rain began to fall, not enough, however, to mar the event, although the cloudiness caused the line to finish marching in the twilight and the speeches were made and prizes awarded in the dark.

"The line started shortly after 2:30 and moved along without a hitch. At the head was chief Bayard C. Stavelly, as chief marshal. He had for his aides, Samuel Wood, John H. Lippincott, 3rd, Ezra C. Bell, Jr., Rowland W. Willard, James Stretch and a detail of mounted police. Then came Collingswood Fire Company No. 1, led by the Moose Band of Camden. This company has 48 uniformed men in line, 12 in rubber coats and helmets, four pieces of apparatus, including the only steamer in line and two wagons drawn by ponies, one representing the company at its organization, the other of "firemen of the future."

The article continues to describe the other companies in the parade and finally comes to Haddon Fire Co. No 1. "At the head of the home company was carried the banner, given on May 30, 1891 by the citizens of Haddonfield; the first minute book of the company, with the entry of organization, March 8, 1764, carried by four boys in costumes of that date. Following came a fifer and two drummers as the "Spirit of '64", then the old pump of the company, drawn by 20 young men of the town in Colonial costume. Former Chief Walter C. Davis and First Assistant Roland W. Holloway led the uniformed company of 50 men, while the three pieces of horse-drawn apparatus brought up the rear.

"No matter how much cheering was done for the other companies the home boys received double the amount when they passed. This was noticeable at the reviewing stand where Governor Fielder and a party of his friends viewed the companies."

The article continues with a list of the prizes given in various categories. Prizes were sponsored by such diverse groups as the *Camden Post Telegram*, a newspaper, Jacob Reed's Sons, the Haddon Fortnightly, Haddonfield Civic Association, Borough

Commissioners, the *Haddonfield Tribune*, and the Haddonfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The article concludes: "Speeches were made from the reviewing stand by Attorney John W. Westcott, who introduced Governor Fielder. Supper was served the visiting firemen and in the evening a public entertainment and dance was given in Artisans' Hall (now the Haddon Fortnightly) at which time historical addresses were made by Attorney General Westcott and James Lane Pennypacker."

In his speech to the Fire Company, Pennypacker reviewed the founding of the Fire Company at the Friends Meeting House which stood on the site of the present-day fire house on Haddon Avenue. The company was founded on March 8, 1764 by twenty-six men who were among the chief owners of property and heads of families in the village. Haddon Fire Company No. 1 continues today as the second oldest volunteer fire company in continuous service.



Library News

The library has had a very busy fall with a number of researchers taking advantage of our interesting and extensive collections. The vast majority of these researchers are from other institutions and areas and are most pleased with the depth of our holdings. I encourage members to also take advantage of the collections and consider doing some research and writing themselves.

When the Society was founded in 1914, many members were quite involved in both obtaining original historical materials for the collection and in using these original sources to write interesting short histories of people, places and things in Haddonfield. History is an ongoing process. If our collections are to remain relevant, we need to continue to add 20th century items for the researchers of the 21st century and beyond. Please think of the library when you are thinking of throwing out those old photos, programs, invitations, diaries and the like which would give researchers of the future insight into the daily life of the 20th century.

We are making good progress in the library with our efforts aimed at conservation of the collections for the future. The library has just received a most important donation of a new five-drawer map case from Mrs. Sally Eynon, in memory of her son. As a result of this addition we have been able to re-house our entire map collection in drawers which are no longer bursting. In addition, an anonymous donor gave archival quality acid-free map storage folders so that the entire map collection is now housed in ideal storage conditions. Special thanks to Mrs. Eynon and our anonymous benefactor for their great generosity.

There are always lots of projects which we would like to have help with in the library. If you would like to volunteer even one Tuesday morning, Thursday afternoon or our second Monday evening of each month, there are jobs which are awaiting your skills. Contact Kathy Tassini 429-2462 for further information.

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Membership

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Life Member

Mrs. Wanda Hamilton

Regular Members

Mr. & Mrs. John Fisher

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kay

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Reilly

Mr. & Mrs. John Griffeth

Mr. Dennis E. Cox

Kathryn M. Febish

Mrs. George V. Hager, Jr.

Mrs. Dorcas R. Tarbell

Ms. Tiernie Callnin

Mr. Joseph Haro

Mrs. Mildred St. Marie

Mrs. Kathleen Chesbro

Mr. Robert E. Evans

Open House in Fenwick's Colony May 6, 1989

More than 35 historic houses, churches, Friend's Meeting Houses and public buildings will be open on Saturday, May 6, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. for the Open House in Fenwick's Colony, sponsored by the Salem County Historical Society. Special Features this year include train rides between Salem and Woodstown on a restored passenger car, an antique carriage collection, and gardens in both town and country 18th and 19th century settings.

For further information, write or call the Salem County Historical Society at 79 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079, 609-935-5004. Tickets for the open house are \$7.50, not including train ride. Train tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. All tickets are available at the Salem County Historical Society. Special lunches are available at designated churches and restaurants in the area.
